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**On** March 17 & 18, the State Transportation Board held the regularly scheduled monthly meetings in the Atlanta office. The Board approved lettings for 439 LARP projects valued at \$19 million, and 2 ARRA projects and 17 regular federal program projects valued at \$58 million.

The full \$932 million in ARRA funds has been fully obligated with 6% towards bridges, 16% safety, 38% capacity, 27% resurfacing, 6% enhancement and 3% for transit projects.

Five Board Committees met in advance of the full Board meeting: Finance, Legislative, Public Private Partnerships (P3), Intermodal and Equal Access. Highlights from the meetings are:

**FINANCE:** Work continues on the reconciliation of advance construction conversions valued at \$74 million. Through February 28<sup>th</sup>, approximately 50% of the Department's budget has been spent for fiscal year 2010.

A brief review of Motor Fuel Collections handled by the Department of Revenue was provided, indicating that overall, collections are down about 15.6% over the same period last fiscal year. The Department of Revenue collects tax from 870 distributors and performs random audits on 10-12 accounts annually.

**LEGISLATIVE:** All bills supported by the Department are continuing to move through the legislative process at the General Assembly, including those related to Transportation Funding, Alternative Delivery Methods, Multiyear Construction Agreements and Rural Transportation Coordination.

The US Senate approved its version of SAFETEA-LU extension through December 2010. The extension is waiting for the President's signature.

**PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (P3):** HNTB provided the Committee with an overview of current tolling technology in use throughout the United States, and a snapshot of the future for motorist – IntelliDrive.

There are currently four vendors for tolling technology operating in the US. Several states have existing cooperative agreements for interoperability across state lines and systems. At this time, the HOV to HOT project in Georgia along I-85, has procured a new tolling

technology that is not presently in use by any other tolling authority in the country.

IntelliDrive is a futuristic multimodal initiative being supported by USDOT, auto manufacturers, consumer electronics manufacturers and others as a means of creating a wireless communications stream from vehicles to infrastructure to traffic management centers. Although the program is in the early stages, the future impact on transportation could be considerable.

**INTERMODAL:** A report on the value of GDOT's rail assets, along with some additional usage levels and impacts on economic development, was reviewed. The next steps in assessing the rail assets will need to be addressed after the FY2011 budget is final. It was also noted that there may be potential to generate some income from charging for "usage rights" for installing utilities and telecommunications infrastructure.

An update on passenger rail was presented. Intermodal staff is currently working with Georgia's surrounding states to coordinate funding efforts to meet federal match requirements for feasibility study grants. Staff is pursuing all possible options to identify funds for use with rail programs.

**EQUAL ACCESS:** A new federal ruling under 49CFR Part 26 changes the regulations on setting goals for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs. The current one-year goal setting mandate was officially changed on February 3, 2010 to a new three-year requirement. As a result of this ruling by the US Secretary of Transportation, the Department's current DBE goal will remain in place until August 2012.

#### ***TWO GDOT EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES***



*GDOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. recognizes staff member William E. McKenzie, Jr. for service to his country.*

*Chester G. Thomas accepts a resolution commending service to his country from GDOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr.*



*Next Board Meeting—April 15, 2010  
Atlanta, Georgia*